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SUBJECT: EC FOREIGN MINISTERS' DISCUSSION OF VIETNAM

IN CONVERSATION WITH THE AMBASSADOR ON APRIL 16,
FOREIGN OFFICE POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL EXPRESSED
CONSIDERABLE CHAGRIN OVER THE LEAK CONCERNING US-EC
EXCHANGES ON VIETNAM. HE SAID THAT THE GERMANS WERE NOT
IN A POSITION TO ASSIGN BLAME TO ANY OF THEIR EC
PARTNERS, BUT HE AGREED THAT THE LEAK, BOTH IN TERMS OF
ITS TIMING AND ITS EXTREME TENDENTIOUSNESS, ALMOST SEEMED TO
REPRESENT A DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO SABOTAGE THE PROCESS OF
US-EC CONSULTATIONS. HE EXPRESSED THE STRONG HOPE THAT
IT WOULD NOT CAUSE A SERIOUS SETBACK TO THIS PROCESS. HE
COMMENTED THAT THIS LEAK DEMONSTRATED ONE OF THE DISAD-
VANTAGES OF CARRYING ON POLITICAL COOPERATION DISCUSSIONS
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ON THE FRINGES OF EC COUNCIL MEETINGS: THE TRAPPINGS OF

THE LATTER WERE FAR MORE ELABORATE THAN WAS THE CASE WITH
INDEPENDENT PC DISCUSSIONS, MANY MORE PEOPLE WERE
INVOLVED, AND THE RISK OF A BREACH OF CONFIDENTIALITY WAS
CORRESPONDINGLY GREATER.
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